



## Crop Progress and Condition

**Week Ending June 18, 2006**

### Agricultural Summary

Farmers took advantage of mostly dry weather to harvest wheat and cut hay. Southern areas also saw progress in harvesting fescue seed. Pockets of dryness are developing in a few areas as a result of spotty rainfall. **Topsoil moisture** deteriorated somewhat to 10 percent very short, 33 percent short, 55 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, as the western and east-central districts registered substantial declines in the adequate to surplus categories. In general, however, spring crops remain in fair to good condition, developing well in warm, sunny weather and receiving just enough rain to maintain good plant health. There were 6.0 **days suitable for fieldwork**.

### Field Crops Report

**Corn** condition is rated 1 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 56 percent good, and 10 percent excellent, nearly identical to last week. Corn silked is at 9 percent, 5 days ahead of normal. The southwest district, where 47 percent of the crop is silked, is well ahead of other districts, while the northwest and northeast districts have yet to begin silking. **Soybean** planting is 95 percent complete, about even with last year but 11 days ahead of normal. Emergence is at 86 percent, 5 days behind last year but 8 days ahead of normal. Condition of the crop is very similar to last week at 1 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 32 percent fair, 54 percent good, and 6 percent excellent. **Sorghum** planting is nearly complete at 97 percent, while heading has just begun. Condition of sorghum is rated 3 percent poor, 26 percent fair, 63 percent good, and 8 percent excellent. Hot temperatures and weekend rains in the Bootheel greatly benefited the rice and cotton crops. **Rice** condition improved to 1 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 62 percent good, and 12 percent excellent. **Cotton** condition improved to 10 percent poor, 42 percent fair, 44 percent good, and 4 percent excellent, a gain of 11 percentage points over last week in the good to excellent categories. Cotton squaring stands at 28 percent, 3 days ahead of last year and about even with the five-year average. **Winter wheat** harvest progressed rapidly to 63 percent complete, a week ahead of last year and the normal pace. Condition of the crop is 9 percent very poor, 12 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 47 percent good, and 8 percent excellent. The second growth of **alfalfa** is 30 percent cut, 2 days ahead of last year and 6 days ahead of normal. **Other hay** is 74 percent cut, 5 days ahead of last year and 9 days ahead of normal.

### Pasture & Livestock

**Pasture** condition declined slightly from last week to 10 percent very poor, 22 percent poor, 40 percent fair, 27 percent good, and 1 percent excellent. The livestock water supply situation remains marginal to critical in most areas. Recent rains have maintained what supply is available, but have failed to raise pond and stream levels.

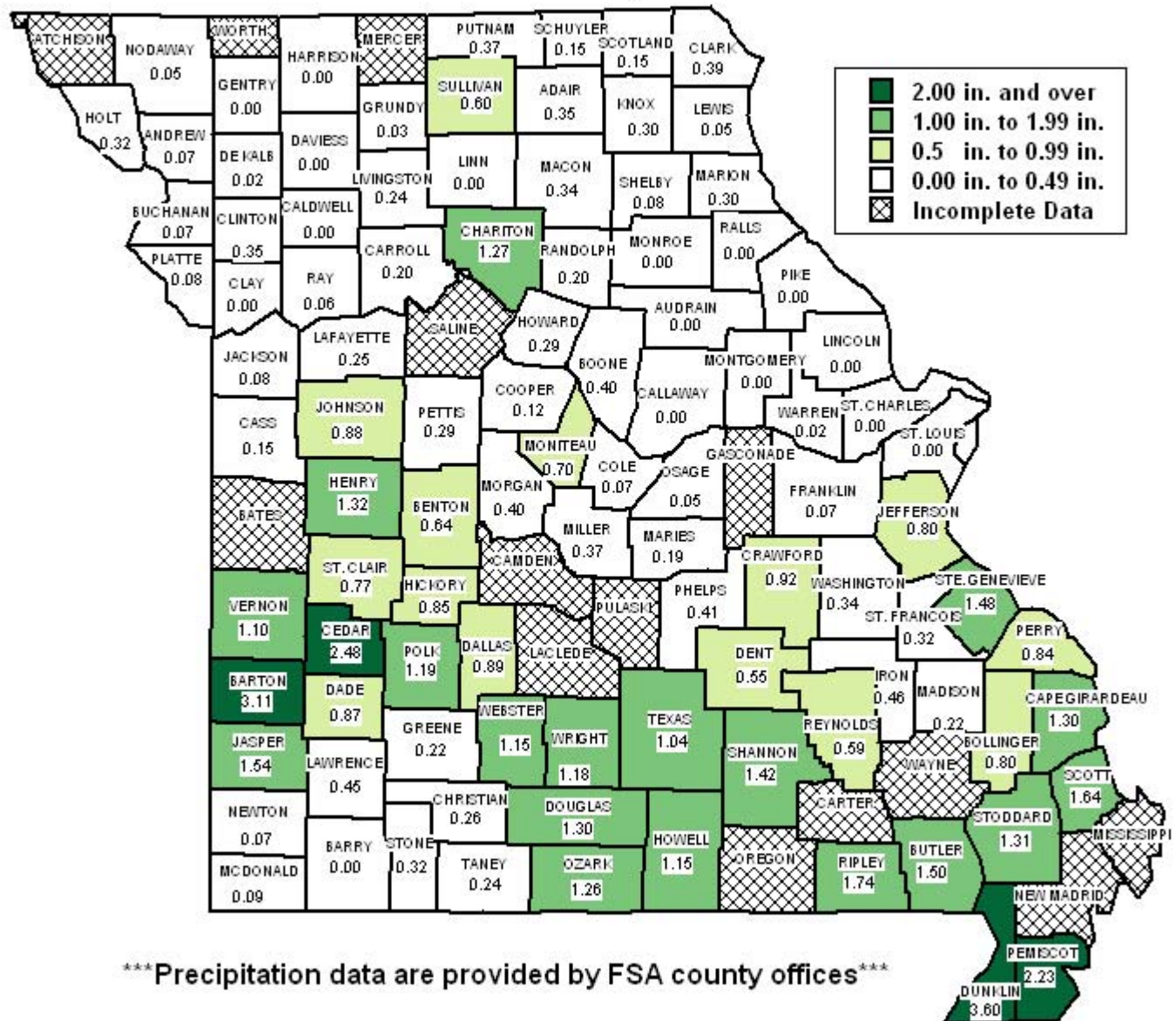
### Weather Summary

**Temperatures** were near normal throughout the State. Northern areas saw high temperatures in the lower nineties, while a few central counties and the Bootheel reached the mid to upper nineties. **Rainfall** averaged 0.55 inches State-wide. The Bootheel received a soaking rain over the weekend, finishing the week with 1.86 inches. In contrast, the northwest and northeast districts received only about one-tenth inch, with several counties recording no measurable precipitation. Reporters continue to emphasize the scattered nature of recent rainfall, with considerable variability even within counties.

# District Summaries As Of June 18, 2006

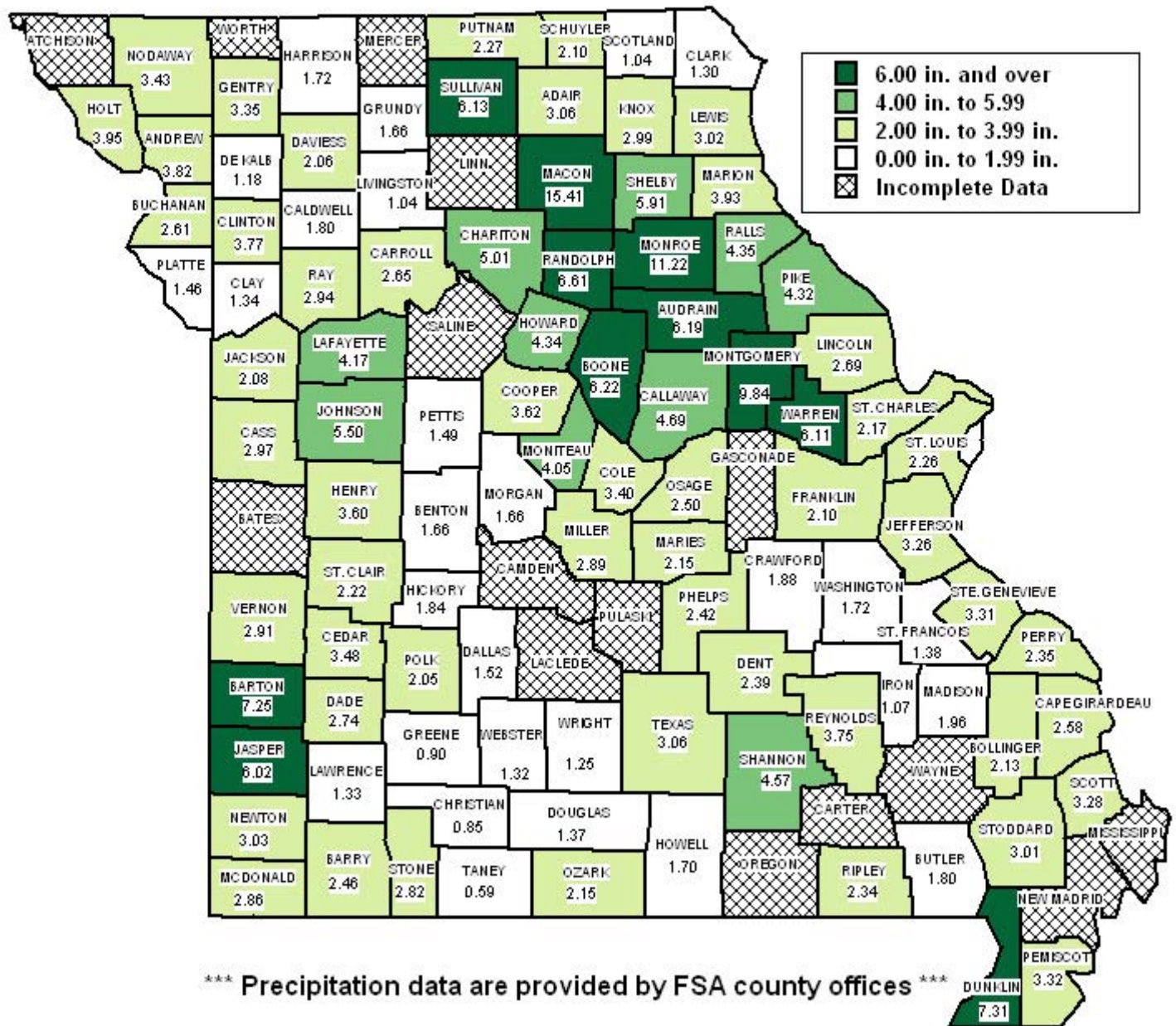
	Missouri	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE
Days Suitable For Fieldwork										
This Year	6.0	6.7	5.7	6.3	5.8	6.0	5.5	6.1	5.8	5.9
Last Year	5.8	6.3	5.4	5.7	5.0	6.2	5.6	5.3	6.1	6.5
Topsoil Moisture Supply										
Very Short	10	24	7	10	6	6	3	26	5	3
Short	33	39	35	20	48	35	45	33	38	8
Adequate	55	36	52	66	42	59	52	41	57	83
Surplus	2	1	6	4	4	0	0	0	0	6
Corn Silked and Beyond, Percent										
This Year	9	0	4	0	2	2	6	47	0	21
Last Year	2	0	5	0	3	6	9	9	25	46
Normal	6									
Soybeans Planted, Percent										
This Year	95	100	100	97	93	97	98	65	86	90
Last Year	96	97	97	99	93	99	98	71	96	92
Normal	86									
Soybeans Emerged, Percent										
This Year	86	96	85	93	86	78	91	41	62	82
Last Year	90	93	94	95	81	95	89	60	85	95
Normal	75									
Sorghum Planted, Percent										
This Year	97	99	100	97	99	93	95	98	100	100
Last Year	98	100	98	100	97	100	94	100	100	100
Normal	90									
Winter Wheat Harvested, Percent										
This Year	63	5	29	13	62	54	30	66	67	88
Last Year	24	2	2	5	8	7	15	13	25	55
Normal	25									
Alfalfa Hay 2nd Cutting, Percent										
This Year	30	15	20	11	52	41	39	33	50	60
Last Year	24	13	11	8	26	30	24	40	53	89
Normal	16									
Other Hay Cut, Percent										
This Year	74	86	53	66	60	80	77	80	79	84
Last Year	65	48	43	56	46	69	71	80	90	100
Normal	59									
Corn Condition										
Very Poor	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
Poor	5	6	8	7	5	1	1	0	3	5
Fair	28	31	39	23	24	23	43	13	8	23
Good	56	58	31	54	53	73	54	79	67	58
Excellent	10	4	22	14	18	3	2	8	22	13
Soybean Condition										
Very Poor	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
Poor	7	11	12	4	7	0	2	0	1	9
Fair	32	27	33	23	45	21	61	9	1	37
Good	54	57	40	64	36	77	36	89	93	50
Excellent	6	3	13	8	12	2	1	2	4	2
Sorghum Condition										
Very Poor	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Poor	3	3	2	3	7	1	3	0	2	7
Fair	26	16	39	14	48	14	51	12	10	39
Good	63	77	53	70	38	82	44	79	62	51
Excellent	8	3	6	13	7	3	2	9	25	3
Winter Wheat Condition										
Very Poor	9	1	0	1	7	0	0	49	0	0
Poor	12	5	3	4	24	4	7	32	2	5
Fair	24	42	26	28	33	16	37	15	12	23
Good	47	46	59	59	32	72	50	4	51	59
Excellent	8	6	12	8	4	8	6	0	35	13
Pasture Condition										
Very Poor	10	7	3	9	13	5	2	25	8	1
Poor	22	27	24	36	34	14	9	28	10	10
Fair	40	43	40	38	39	49	45	35	35	20
Good	27	22	25	16	14	32	44	12	45	67
Excellent	1	1	8	1	0	0	0	0	2	2
Average Precipitation	0.55	0.09	0.34	0.13	0.90	0.38	0.37	0.69	0.82	1.86

# Precipitation for Week Ending June 18, 2006



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# Precipitation for Previous Four Weeks Ending June 18, 2006



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